

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: INTERSTATE POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY	DOCKET NO. RFU-03-2 (RPU-02-7)
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**ORDER DOCKETING REFUND PLAN AND ESTABLISHING
PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

(Issued July 23, 2003)

On June 16, 2003, Interstate Power and Light Company (IPL) filed a refund plan for the disposition of insurance recoveries associated with former manufactured gas plant (FMGP) sites. The refund plan was filed to comply with the “Final Decision and Order” in Docket No. RPU-02-7, IPL’s gas rate case. IPL proposes that it be allowed to retain the insurance recoveries as reimbursement for FMGP remediation costs it has incurred. The refund plan has been identified as Docket No. RFU-03-2.

On June 25, 2003, the Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice (Consumer Advocate) filed an answer to IPL’s refund plan. Consumer Advocate states that IPL’s filing contains new allegations of fact and requests that the Board establish a procedural schedule for the filing of testimony and exhibits, a hearing, and briefs addressing the disposition of the insurance recoveries.

The Board will docket the refund plan and establish a procedural schedule as requested by Consumer Advocate to allow for a full review of the issues concerning

the disposition of the insurance recoveries. In the May 15, 2003, order in Docket No. RPU-02-7, the Board stated that it was not satisfied that it had all of the evidence necessary to make a reasonable decision concerning the disposition of the insurance recoveries. Testimony, a hearing, and briefs in this docket should allow the evidence to be fully developed.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The refund plan by Interstate Power and light Company on June 16, 2003, is docketed for consideration of the disposition of the former manufactured gas plant insurance recoveries. This matter will be identified as Docket No. RFU-03-2.
2. The following procedural schedule is established:
 - a. Interstate Power and Light Company shall file prefiled direct testimony, with underlying workpapers and exhibits, on or before August 18, 2003.
 - b. The Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice shall file rebuttal testimony, with underlying workpapers and exhibits, on or before September 12, 2003.
 - c. Interstate Power and Light Company shall file its rebuttal testimony, with underlying workpapers and exhibits, on or before September 29, 2003.
 - d. A hearing shall be held beginning at 10 a.m. on October 29, 2003, for the purpose of receiving testimony and the cross-examination of all

testimony. The hearing shall be held in the Utilities Board Hearing Room, 350 Maple Street, Des Moines, Iowa. The parties shall appear one-half hour prior to the time of the hearing for the purpose of marking exhibits. Persons with disabilities requiring assistive services or devices to observe or participate should contact the Utilities Board at (515) 281-5256 in advance of the scheduled date to request that appropriate arrangements be made.

e. The parties may file simultaneous initial briefs on or before November 12, 2003.

3. In the absence of objection, all underlying workpapers shall become a part of the evidentiary record of these proceedings at the time the related testimony and exhibits are entered into the record.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Mark O. Lambert

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

/s/ Elliott Smith

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 23rd day of July, 2003.